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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI EMPHASIZES BLACK LABOR STRENGTH

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1. IN POLICY ADDRESS TO KWAZULU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MA 10, CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR FOR KWAZULU, DECLARED HIS DETERMINATION LEAD AFRICAN PEOPLE TO " FULL FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS", IF POSSIBLE WITHOUT BLOODSHED. TO ENHANCE HIS " WE MEAN BUSINESS" WARNING, BUTHELEZI REFRESHED WHITE SOUTH AFRICA' S MEMORY RE ECONOMIC POWER OF BLACKS BY STATING: " MORE THAN 60,000 OF OUR PEOPLE HAVE SHOWN DURING THE RECENT LABOR UNREST WHAT UNITY CAN ACHIEVE. POOR AS WE ARE, WE ALMOST CONTROL THE ECONOMY OF THIS COUNTRY... IT IS FOR WHITE SOUTH AFRICA TO MEET US (ON ISSUES OF LAND ET AL)... I APPEAL TO THEM NOT TO FORCE US, BY THEIR ATTITUDE, TO DISRUPT THE ECONOMY OF OUR COUNTRY."

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS OF SPEECH, BUTHELEZI FURTHER
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INSISTED HE AND PARAMOUNT CHIEF KAISER MATANZIMA, CHIEF MINISTER OF TRANSKEI, WOULD NOT REST UNTIL FULL RIGHTS ATTAINED. " WE WILL NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE CHATTELS IN OUR OWN LAND, WHATEVER OUR STRUGGLE FOR RECOGNITION COSTS US," HE REPORTEDLY PROCLAIMED, AND " WE WILL NOT BE INTIMIDATED BY ANYBODY-- NOT EVEN DEATH THREATS CAN DETER US. I WISH TO WARN THAT IF I GO, THROUGH DEATH, SOMEONE STRONGER AND MORE DIFFICULT WILL RISE THE MOMENT I AM BURIED."

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY OF VIOLENCE AND THREATS AGAINST HIS OWN LIFE ARE RECURRING THEMES IN HIS PUBLIC STANCE, THIS IS FIRST OCCASION ON WHICH BUTHELEZI HAS MADE DIRECT THREAT OF CONCERTED LABOR ACTION TO ENFORCE KWAZULU DEMANDS IF SAG CONTINUES PRESENT OBDURATE STANCE. BUTHELEZI'S MOST RECENT STATEMENTS AND, IN VIEW OF MANY WHITES, HIS " PROVOCATIVE AND IRRESPONSIBLE POSTURING" CERTAINLY NOT DESIGNED ALLAY WHITE FEARS OF " SWART GEVAAR". HIS THREAT TO INVOKE ORCHESTRATED AMAZULU LABOR ACTION TOUCHES PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE NERVE.
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